

Application No. 10/726,971
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PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Non-Statutory Double Patenting

Claims 1-26 stand as rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,775,774. A terminal disclaimer is being filed concurrently herewith disclaiming any term that extends beyond the term of U.S. Patent No. 6,775,774. Since the filing of the terminal disclaimer overcomes the double-patenting rejections, it is respectfully believed that Claims 1-26 are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this rejection in view of the disclaimer is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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